



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Peace Officers' Memorial Day

WHEREAS, National Police Week honors the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting communities and safeguarding democracy; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week affirms that since 1845 the members of the Hawai'i State Sheriff Division play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the people of the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week emphasizes that there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Hawai'i State Sheriff Division and the police officers serving the counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Honolulu, and Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week underlines that nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week reminds us that since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have been killed in the line of duty, including one deputy sheriff of the State Sheriff Division; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week underscores that the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week recognizes that new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 100 officers killed in 2013 and 186 officers killed in previous years; and

National Police Week highlights that for the past three years Hawai'i Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation has continued the work toward funding the construction of a monument in Hawai'i to honor law enforcement officers from city, county, state, military and federal agencies who have died in the line of duty while serving the people of the Aloha State, which will be engraved with more than 60 names upon completion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2014, as

"PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing those law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community, or have become disabled in the performance of their duty, and in recognizing and paying respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of May, 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i